

Dear church family,

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Ephesians 3:20*

We were blessed in 2015 with the opportunity to purchase a church building that we can call “home.” Our new building enables us to continue to fulfill the amazing mission that God gave us to be a city within a city, an alternate Chicago, that deeply loves Jesus CHRIST, and out of that love for Jesus, goes deeper in COMMUNITY across race, class, and gender, embodying the reconciling power of the gospel across relationships, and goes further in mission, radically advancing the CAUSE of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors in word and deed.

Now that we are building owners, we have significant renovations ahead of us to make the building fit the needs and culture of our church family. Every church building is designed to work for that specific church family. We entered someone else’s “home” and we are now in the process of making it our “home.” A group of people from our congregation, the Building Committee, have been faithfully working towards accomplishing this goal over the past 8+ weeks. They are working in partnership with architects, general contractors, and more to make necessary improvements to our church building and to redesign spaces so that it suites the needs of our church. This is where you come in... we will only be able to carry out these updates and repairs, if we come together around our building and raise a significant amount of monetary funds during our upcoming capital campaign. We are about to launch our Imagine Campaign. This will be a focused capital campaign to challenge each of us to grow in our understanding of generosity, grow spiritually, and allow us to financially give toward our building campaign project.

IMAGINE, our building capital campaign, will officially begin on February 21 with our Launch Party after Sunday worship. This campaign will challenge each of us to grow in our understanding of generosity and grow mature spiritually, so that we can give generously toward our building campaign project. In the weeks and months following, you will receive additional information about how to join the campaign team and how to invest in something significant. We encourage you to invest in something that will have an eternal impact. Invest in something that will impact not just this community, but our beloved city, and beyond. There are people all over the world who have been impacted by the ministry of New Community. Invest in something that will enable us to do that for decades to come. Invest sacrificially, radically, and joyfully.

IMAGINE the possibilities church! Imagine the lives that will be transformed by the Good News of Jesus CHRIST. Imagine the lives that will be transformed because of deep, authentic, reconciled COMMUNITY. Imagine the lives that will be transformed because of people who are radically and sacrificially giving themselves for Kingdom CAUSES. Let’s trust God in this process and expect God to move in powerful ways! Our fear in life should not be that we would fail at something, but that we would succeed at something that at the end won’t really matter. Invest in something that will have an eternal Kingdom impact, the opportunity to change the trajectory of someone’s life for all of eternity.

We have an opportunity to join God in something amazing. We hope that you will prayerfully join us as we simply pray, “Father, send us. Use us for your sovereign Kingdom purpose.”

Your co-laborers in the King’s work,

Pastor Peter Hong, Pastor Kaitlin Kim-Sobeck, and Pastor Michael Washington